

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINT, PK

SUBJECT: GOP APPROACH TO USG ON POWS

1. ADDITIONAL FONSEC ( AFS) SHAIKH CALLED IN CHARGE  
APRIL 4 TO RECEIVE NOTE ( TEXT SEPTTEL) APPEALING FOR HELP  
IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF PAK POWS AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES  
IN INDIA NUMBERING OVER 90,000. AFS CALLED ATTENTION  
PARTICULARLY TO PARAS 6-8 OF MFA NOTE, WHICH CITED OBLIGA-  
TION OF ALL SIGNATORIES OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS TO INSURE  
THAT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FULFILLS RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
RELEASE AND REPATRIATION OF POWS. AFS SAID THAT SIMILAR  
APPROACH WAS BEING MADE BY MFA TO NUMBER OF OTHER  
COUNTRIES.

2. CHARGE RECALLED THAT USG IS ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING  
IMPLEMENTATION OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND UNSC RES 307.  
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HE NOTED THAT USG HAD ALSO RAISED THIS QUESTION DIRECTLY WITH GOI. HE THEN WENT ON TO NOTE THAT WE ARE ALSO ON RECORD AS BELIEVING THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM, LIKE OTHER REGIONAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF SUBCONTINENT, WAS FUNDAMENTALLY TO BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED GIVEN REALITIES OF SITUATION. AFS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT POSITIONS OF GOP AND USG ON POW ISSUE WERE WELL KNOWN, BUT URGED THAT USG CONSIDER WHAT MORE IT COULD DO TOWARD RESOLVING POW PROBLEM. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD REPORT GOP APPROACH PROMPTLY. DECON 12/31/73. SOBER

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